
Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by baijianpeng - 2015/07/23 02:02

I noticed that nearly every extensions of yours has two XML files inside the install package, take the ARI Cloud Carousel module as example, the two files are:

mod_aricloudcarousel.xml
_mod_aricloudcarousel.xml

Why you need two XML files but others' extensions including the Joomla core modules only has ONE single XML file?

Do you really know how to develop Joomla extensions? Or you indeed have a solid reason to do so?

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Re:Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by admin - 2015/07/23 04:02

Hello,

Installation package contains several XML manifest files to provide ability install the extension on different Joomla! versions (1.5 - 3.x) and use only one universal installation package for all Joomla! versions. After installation only one manifest file will be installed.

Regards,
ARI Soft

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Re:Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by baijianpeng - 2015/07/23 04:31

But whenn I open those two files mentioned above, both has following line of code:

In file _mod_aricloudcarousel.xml:

In file mod_aricloudcarousel.xml (without the leading underline in filename):

You tell me, which XML file is for Joomla 1.5 ? Which one is for Joomla 3?

In my eyes, they are absolutely the same installation directive for Joomla 1.6+, NOT include Joomla 1.5.

So, why not just remove one and reduce confusion?

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Re:Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by admin - 2015/07/23 04:38

Manifest file for J! 1.5 is located in "install" folder, these 2 manifest files contain different content and they are both required to create an universal installer for all Joomla! versions and as we wrote before, after installation only one file will be installed.

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Re:Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by baijianpeng - 2015/07/23 04:43

wow, then there are totally 3 XML files !

Why not just keep two: one for Joomla 1.5 and one for Joomla 1.6+ ? I had met other modules which want to support both Joomla 1.5 and Joomla 2.5/3, they only have 2 XML files. Why you need 3 files?

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Re:Why your extension has two XML files in package?

Posted by admin - 2015/07/23 04:53

All these files are required to provide correct installation for all Joomla! versions from 1.5 to 3.x and have clean manifest files without any hacks like mix and sections in one manifest file and etc. When we decided to remove support of old Joomla! versions, it will contain only manifest file.

Regards,
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